

Bright, technical and client-focussed. A very safe pair of hands who will always advise practically and in a commercial context. A strong junior, apt for advising commercially on claims in today's progressive insurance world.

Thom Lumley, instructing Solicitor



## Matthew Kerruish-Jones

Called in 2003 +44 (0)20 7583 9241

Matthew's practice has an emphasis on regulatory prosecutions, fatal road traffic prosecutions, inquests, personal injury, general chancery and commercial matters.

Matthew is also an Associate Tenant at Linenhall Chambers in Chester.

## Inquests

### Coroner's Inquests

Matthew often is instructed to represent the interests of employers, motorists and other interested persons at inquests. He is well versed in the practice and procedures of coronial law. In particular, he represents parties who are at risk of facing criminal prosecutions pending the outcome of an inquest. He is all too aware of the risks faced by individuals and companies alike who find themselves under investigation.

#### Recent cases include:

**Re: KH [ongoing at South London Coroner's Court]** The deceased attended A&E in 2008. He became extremely violent and was restrained by security during which he sustained a life changing brain injury from which he later died in 2017. This is an Article 2 inquest.

**Re: MR [ongoing at Aberdare Coroner's Court]** Representing a care home where a bed bound patient with dementia died in peculiar circumstances as the post mortem revealed she suffered at least 25 fractures to the front of her body within 24 hours before her death.

### Location

Farrar's Building,  
Temple,  
London, EC4Y 7BD  
United Kingdom

### Contact Us

T: +44 (0)20 7583 9241  
F: +44 (0)20 7583 0090  
E: [chambers@farrarsbuilding.co.uk](mailto:chambers@farrarsbuilding.co.uk)  
DX: 406 Chancery Lane

**Re: Philip Beeton [2018 at Huntingdon Coroner's Court]** Representing an HGV driver who suffered with coughing syncope causing him to cross the road and collide with an oncoming vehicle causing death. The inquest had originally been stayed until the conclusion of police enquiries and an appeal brought by the family of the deceased to the specialist prosecutor at the CPS.

## Health & Safety

---

Regularly instructed to defend companies or their directors, Matthew has a significant experience in this area. In addition to having expertise in Health and Safety legislation, Matthew is developing experience in Food Safety and Hygiene legislation.

Notable cases include:

**HSE v TJSC Limited [ongoing at Exeter Crown Court]** The Defendant company is alleged to have breached sections 2 and 3 of the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 after a cherry picker toppled over crushing an operative who later died.

**HSE v M Baker Produce Ltd [2017 at Lincoln Magistrates]** The Defendant company operated a commercial farm which employed a number of seasonal workers. One of their employees was pulled into a piece of agricultural equipment sustaining injury.

**HSE v Bespoke Bodies Ltd [2017 at Liverpool Crown Court]** The Defendant manufactured bespoke lorries. An employee went onto the roof of the factory in order to carry out maintenance and fell through it sustaining serious injuries.

**Redcar and Cleveland BC v Baketime Ltd [2017 at Middleborough Magistrates]** The Defendant company, a biscuit manufacturer, suffered a rodent infestation creating a risk to public health.

**Darlington BC v Aldi Stores Limited and Wilkinson Maintenance Limited [2016 Middleborough Crown Court]** An unsecured smoking shelter was caught by gust of wind injuring an employee.

**HSE v Spa Laminates [2015 a Leeds Magistrates]** Injuries were caused by fork lift truck at a manufacturing plant.

**HSE v Brims Construction Ltd [2015 at Newcastle Crown Court]** Fall on a building site through a void in a roof. The complainant survived with serious injuries.

**HSE v Habitat Construction LLP [2014 at Southwark Crown Court]** The case involved a fall on a building site. The complainant was paralyzed. It transpired inadequate safety systems were in place

**HSE v HIS Energy [2014 at Manchester Crown Court]** The Defendant company operated a cavity wall insulation business. One of their employees inadvertently drilled into a chimney flue for a gas boiler. One of the occupants of the premises died as a result of carbon monoxide poisoning.

## Crime

---

Matthew regularly advises and defends individuals prosecuted for causing death whilst driving. He has unique experience in this area as he is able to straddle both the criminal and civil court jurisdictions and understands the tactical issues faced by lay

---

### Location

Farrar's Building,  
Temple,  
London, EC4Y 7BD  
United Kingdom

### Contact Us

T: +44 (0)20 7583 9241  
F: +44 (0)20 7583 0090  
E: [chambers@farrarsbuilding.co.uk](mailto:chambers@farrarsbuilding.co.uk)  
DX: 406 Chancery Lane

clients and their insurers when facing linked criminal and civil prosecutions.

In addition, Matthew has significant prosecution experience over the years, and has acted as disclosure counsel to the Serious Fraud Office as well as having been led in a number of cases by Queen's Counsel.

Notable cases include:

***R v Harris* [2017 at Blackfriars Crown Court]** Represented an elderly man who was not fit to stand trial due to dementia. The case involved "pedal confusion" whereby it was alleged the defendant drove at speed into a shop killing an occupant.

***R v Parsons* [2017 at Chelmsford Crown Court]** Successfully defended an ambulance driver who, whilst responding to an emergency, collided with a pedestrian killing him.

***R v Howard* [2017 at Chelmsford Crown Court]** Successfully defended a mother with her two children who drove into a fatal collision with a motorcyclist riding up a bus lane.

***R v Colledge* [2016 at Truro Crown Court]** The Defendant suffered with a black out at the wheel due to a neurological condition and caused a fatal collision with an oncoming vehicle. Insane automatism was successfully argued.

***R v Mitzman* [2016 at Harrow Crown Court]** Successfully defended a motorist charged with causing death by careless driving who came into collision with two pedestrians crossing a road.

***R v Smart* [2015 at Canterbury Crown Court] EWCA Crim 1756** Matthew represented a defendant charged with causing serious injury by dangerous driving at first instance. He advised on the appeal against sentence which was successfully reduced by the Court of Appeal (represented by Douglas Day QC).

***R v Calnan* [2015 at Canterbury Crown Court]** Successfully defended a motorist charged with causing death by careless driving who came into collision with an oncoming motorcyclist.

## Trusts & Probate

---

Matthew has a developing interest in contentious probate and estates work. He is an associate member of the Association of Contentious Trust and Probate Specialists ("ACTAPS").

He is able to offer advice in the following areas:

- Challenging wills and the associated procedures.
- Claims under the Inheritance Provision for Family and Dependants Act 1975.
- Claims against Personal Representatives.
- Mental Capacity issues including:
- Trust disputes generally

---

### Location

Farrar's Building,  
Temple,  
London, EC4Y 7BD  
United Kingdom

### Contact Us

T: +44 (0)20 7583 9241  
F: +44 (0)20 7583 0090  
E: [chambers@farrarsbuilding.co.uk](mailto:chambers@farrarsbuilding.co.uk)  
DX: 406 Chancery Lane

Recent cases include:

**L v L [ongoing High Court matter]** Claim for change of administrator following dispute over distribution of assets and possible fraud.

**K v K [ongoing High Court matter]** Claim brought under the Inheritance Provision for Family and Dependents Act 1975 in a claim worth well over £1 million.

## Personal Injury

---

Matthew regularly acts for both Claimants and Defendants and carries out work in all areas of the Personal Injury field. He acts for a number of local authorities and public bodies as well as private companies and individuals. He has recent experience of high value cases.

Examples of recent notable cases include:

***Cavell v Transport for London* [2015] EWHC 2283**

## Notable Cases

---

**R v Harris [2017 at Blackfriars Crown Court]**

Represented an elderly man who was not fit to stand trial due to dementia. The case involved “pedal confusion” whereby it was alleged the defendant drove at speed into a shop killing an occupant.

**Redcar and Cleveland BC v Baketime Ltd [2017 at Middleborough Magistrates]**

The Defendant company, a biscuit manufacturer, suffered a rodent infestation creating a risk to public health.

**HSE v Bespoke Bodies Ltd [2017 at Liverpool Crown Court]**

The Defendant manufactured bespoke lorries. An employee went onto the roof of the factory in order to carry out maintenance and fell through it sustaining serious injuries.

**HSE v M Baker Produce Ltd [2017 at Lincoln Magistrates]**

The Defendant company operated a commercial farm which employed a number of seasonal workers. One of their employees was pulled into a piece of agricultural equipment sustaining injury.

**HSE v TJSC Limited [ongoing at Exeter Crown Court]**

The Defendant company is alleged to have breached sections 2 and 3 of the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 after a cherry picker toppled over crushing an operative who later died.

**Cavell v Transport for London (2015) EWHC 2283**

The High Court dealt with the issue of admissions of liability.

**HSE v Habitat Construction LLP (2014)**

Fall on a building site; complainant paralyzed; inadequate safety systems in place.

---

### Location

Farrar's Building,  
Temple,  
London, EC4Y 7BD  
United Kingdom

### Contact Us

T: +44 (0)20 7583 9241  
F: +44 (0)20 7583 0090  
E: [chambers@farrarsbuilding.co.uk](mailto:chambers@farrarsbuilding.co.uk)  
DX: 406 Chancery Lane

#### HSE v TG Engineering Ltd (2014)

Machine tool manufacturer; flying parts causing injury (potential fatality).

#### Westminster City Council v Charalambous & Co (2013)

Falling object from height on hotel customer; life changing head injuries.

#### HSE v Rare Butchers of Distinction (2013)

Butcher causing laceration with cleaver; inappropriate gauntlet.

#### Wandsworth County Council v Rayners Catering Hire Ltd (2013)

Death of an employee; catastrophic brain injury; fall in a warehouse; incorrectly stacked equipment by visitor to premises.

#### HSE v Hampson (2012)

Gas explosion at residential property; prosecuted under Gas Safety (installation & Use) Regulations 1998; serious injuries to occupants and severe structural damage to property.

#### HSE v Aden Pro Form (2011)

Experienced machine operator injured arm in metal press machine.

#### HSE v Cambs Compressor Engineering Ltd (2010)

Employee fell from height; life changing injuries.

#### Re: Hicks (2011)

Representing family of deceased; decapitation at work on railways. Coroner's Court before a jury.

If you would like to instruct Matthew Kerruish-Jones or would like help or advice in doing so, please call and talk to our excellent clerking team, led by senior clerk Alan Kilbey MBE. Our phone number is +44 (0)20 7583 9241. Alternatively, please email us at [chambers@farrarsbuilding.co.uk](mailto:chambers@farrarsbuilding.co.uk)

For more information about our clerking team, please [click here](#) for the clerks page.

## Appointments & Memberships

---

Health and Safety Lawyers Association

Criminal Bar Association

Association of Contentious Trusts and Probate Specialists

Personal Injury Bar Association

London Common Law and Commercial Bar Association

## Education & Qualifications

---

Manchester Metropolitan University, BVC

College of Law, PgDL

---

### Location

Farrar's Building,  
Temple,  
London, EC4Y 7BD  
United Kingdom

### Contact Us

T: +44 (0)20 7583 9241  
F: +44 (0)20 7583 0090  
E: [chambers@farrarsbuilding.co.uk](mailto:chambers@farrarsbuilding.co.uk)  
DX: 406 Chancery Lane

University of Manchester, Russian Studies BA (Hons)  
Marlborough College, Wiltshire

## Personal Interests

---

Married with children and lives in East London. Matthew enjoys motorcycling and keeping up to date with cinema when he can.

---

### Location

Farrar's Building,  
Temple,  
London, EC4Y 7BD  
United Kingdom

---

### Contact Us

T: +44 (0)20 7583 9241  
F: +44 (0)20 7583 0090  
E: [chambers@farrarsbuilding.co.uk](mailto:chambers@farrarsbuilding.co.uk)  
DX: 406 Chancery Lane